

Governmental Affairs Committee  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Conference Room A

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Michael Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Gary Besaw, Annette Warrington, Ben Kaquatosh and Jeremy Weso. Kathy Kaquatosh was absent (excused). Also present for the meeting was, Linda Zablocki, Patti Peterman, Eva Robinson and Kristi Arnold.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Review Minutes Dated January 22, 2004-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of January 22, 2004. Motion was seconded by Annette Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

4. **Election of Officers-**

Chairman Michael Chapman opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to nominate Gary Besaw for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Annette Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

No other nominations were made. Gary Besaw is the new Vice-Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Chairman Michael Chapman opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to nominate Annette Warrington as the Secretary. Motion was seconded by Gary Besaw. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

No other nominations were made. Annette Warrington is the new Secretary of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

5. **Software Update-**

Eva Robinson was present to speak about the software. Eva stated that the biggest problem right now is that the departments did not turn in their needs assessments. Only 11 departments turned them in and 34 did not respond. Eva stated that it's very important to get department input.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh that Software Team be pro active and set up dates and times for departments to do the needs assessment. Motion was seconded by Gary Besaw. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying**

**aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Discuss Personnel Policies & Procedures-**

Ben Kaquatosh presented the committee with a list of options on how the Policy & Procedure changes could be made. After a lengthy discussion committee decided to go with option #3.

**Motion made by Annette Warrington to go with Option #3 (Assign a workgroup, one from the FIC Building, Clinic, Maehnowesekiyah, LEC, Tribal School and Tribal Office to work on the policies and procedures in conjunction with the HR Manager. The work group would consist of three managers and three employees without supervisory authority. Again expending up to (4) hours a week in modifying and approving the policies for final approval to the Governmental Affairs Committee and on to the Legislative Body). Motion was seconded by Gary Besaw. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 1-opposed (Weso), 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**7. Review Rules of Legislature-**

Committee discussed the Rules of the Legislature and possible changes that need to be made and approved by the Legislature. Chairman Chapman would like the committee to receive the Rules through email and to have all the recommendations by the end of March so they can be discussed at the April meeting.

**8. Other Business-**

Chairman Chapman informed the committee that all Legislative Committee's were asked to come up with a list of goals and objectives for the year. Committee members are to get the recommendations to Chairman Chapman and they will be discussed at the April meeting.

Some of the goals that were discussed were, Insurance, Policy & Procedure, Software, Ordinance 95-04 Tribal Government Plan and Chief of Police Ordinance.

**9. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Gary Besaw. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services